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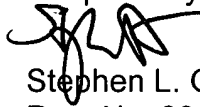
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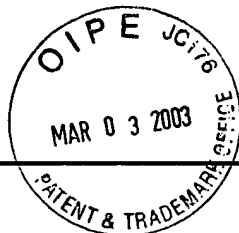
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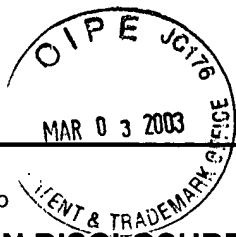
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	✓	Various photographs taken on October 31, 2001 at the Frid Street Yard, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. GBRX 20003 manufactured by Gunderson.	
	✓	Various photographs taken on May 17, 2001 at the Savage Reload Facility, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. GBRX 20003 manufactured by Gunderson.	
	✓	Various photographs taken on September 19, 2000, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. THRX 3001 manufactured by Thrall.	
	✓	Various photographs showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. THRX 3001 manufactured by Thrall (date and location unknown).	
	✓	Various photographs taken on September 27, 2000, Campbellville, Ontario, Canada, showing a flatcar bearing model no. CN 602376.	
	✓	Various photographs taken on September 27, 2000, Milton, Ontario, Canada, showing a flatcar bearing model no. BCOL 52098.	
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